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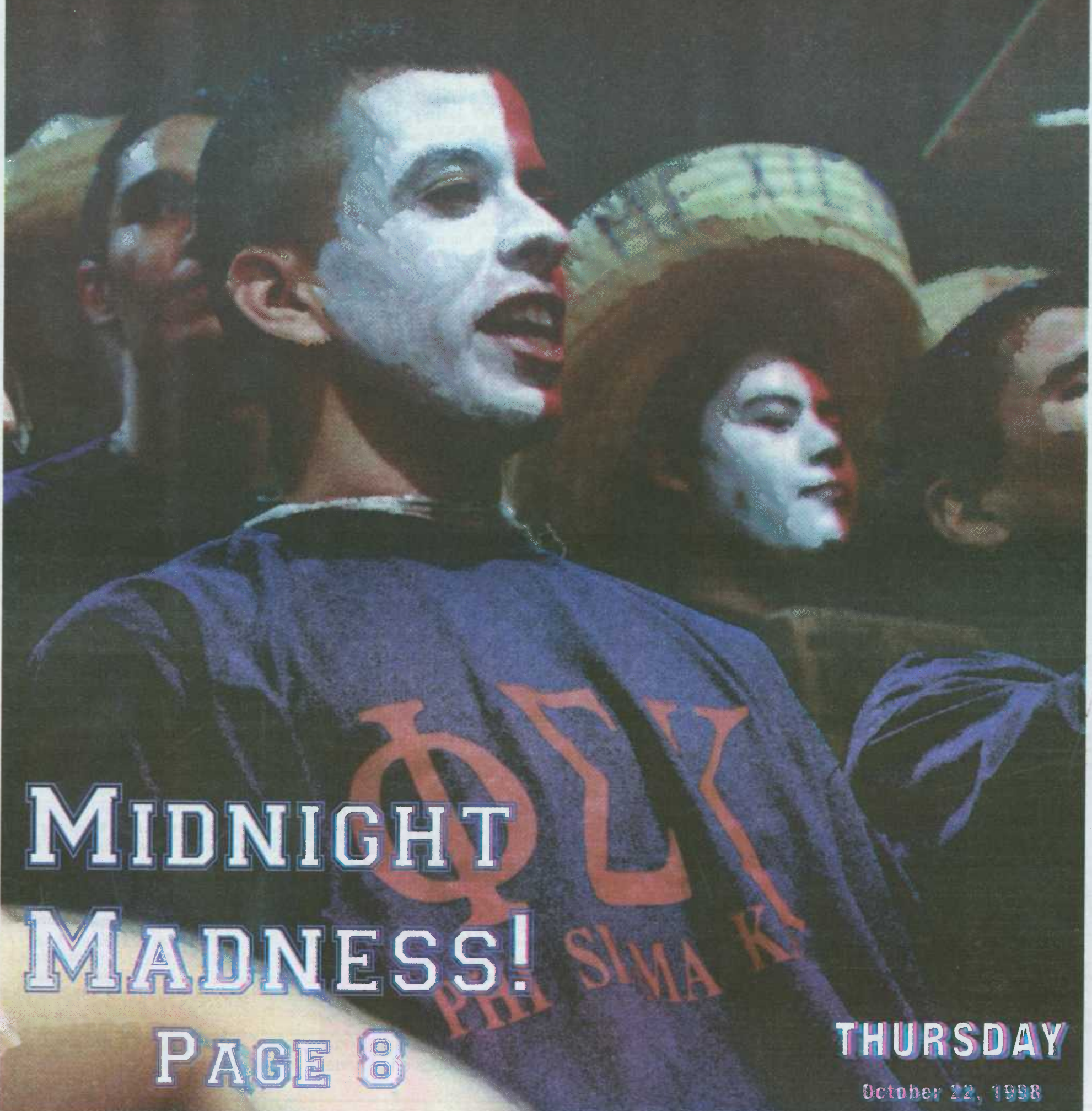
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MIDNIGHT MADNESS!

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THURSDAY

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EDITORIAL

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'Animal testing will keep me out of medical school'

On Tuesday, I realized why I will never go to medical school.

I was sitting in my neuroscience class watching a film that demonstrated how researchers record signals from resting brain cells. Fairly technical stuff; innocuous enough, right? Perhaps, except that those resting brain cells were part of a live animal. A cat, to be exact. A cat with an electrode inserted in its brain. I wasn't the only one in the class who felt sick and sad watching it.

Now you're thinking, "Rabid-anti-animal-testing rant approaching. Must skip to read something less gross." But I'm not against animal testing. As a biology major and the daughter of scientists, I understand that humans have countless monkeys,

rabbits, mice, rats, cats and other animals to thank for the vaccines, medicines and consumer products we use every day.

But that doesn't make the killing of animals any easier to accept. As a kid, I devoured James Herriot's books, had two cats of my own, and wanted to be a veterinarian when I grew up. The whole putting-drops-in-rabbits'-eyes thing didn't sit well with me.

I used to argue about this with my mother - and to no avail. She runs an immunology lab and tests humans for HIV, cancer and even fetal defects. None of her work would be possible if some small, furry friends of ours hadn't been sacrificed, she said. And then people would die. And that wasn't right.

out doing everything in our power to save them.

The problem is that animals are not just part of our environment. They are sentient beings that think and feel. Maybe they don't solve calculus problems or plan their futures like humans do, but nobody questions that animals sense pain. They deserve the respect that we try — and sometimes fail — to give each other.

Most researchers try to accommodate animals' needs. Scientists are not callous. Some even have pets at home. But it makes sense to treat lab animals well. If test subjects are distressed and dying from non-experimental treatment, the research will never reach an accurate conclusion.

Those of us who never have to set foot in a lab can do something about animal testing. We can start by understanding the importance and necessity of animal testing despite its unpleasantness. We can respect the fact that the FDA requires that potential drugs — cures for AIDS and cancer and birth defects — be tested on animals before humans are ever allowed to touch them. We also can accept the fact that we can't do much to change any of that.

But we can buy brands of cosmetics and shampoos and any host of products that don't use animal testing. Conducting research on animals to develop new vaccines is one thing; testing on animals to make new and better kinds of lipsticks and toothpastes is another. It's not much of a sacrifice to buy animal-friendly products.

We don't have to bomb laboratories. We don't have to shoot researchers in parking lots. We simply should make sure that the creatures who lost their freedom, suffered or even died did so so that we may live healthy — not more cosmetic — lives.

—Erika Check
The Stanford Daily

Dear Mr. Mancha:

Concerning Mr. Gerald R. Johnson's October 13 letter to the Editor, "Student likens Library fees to extortion," page 2, there are several points that I'd like to make in response to Mr. Johnson's concerns, in hopes they will clarify the reasons for library policies to which he refers.

Reserve Room materials are those which faculty designate as items to which they want all students to have access on a regular basis. Students are upset when reserve materials are not available because other students have items out and have not returned them to the Library. The fine system serves as a motivator for return of materials needed by other students. Comparison of materials on reserve at a University Library with those at a public library is like comparing apples and oranges; purposes for designating materials for ready access vary considerably.

As for placing a hold on students' circulation transactions if they have not returned books obtained on Interlibrary Loan, there again the Library seeks to provide broad access to materials.

If our library fails to return on time materials it has borrowed from other libraries for the use of our students, eventually the lending libraries will not lend our library their books because we don't return them by the time periods established by the lending libraries. Then our students have lost a source of materials that may be unique, the only place they can be obtained. We want to avoid this prohibition because we allowed irresponsible borrowing to occur; therefore the hold on borrowing from our library until Interlibrary Loan books are returned serves as a deterrent to irresponsible use of materials borrowed externally.

The above comments are intended to explain why the University Library of UTPA and other college and university libraries have in place policies such as the ones referred to by Mr. Johnson.

Sincerely,
Dr. Elinor Folger Foster
Library Director

Dear Editor:

I am writing to respond on the article you wrote about Matthew Shepard. I feel the person who committed this crime should be punished like every other person who commits murder. Yes, what he did was wrong but [he] should not get punished more severely because he did not agree with a person's sexuality. I feel everyone should be tried equally. The death of Matthew Shepard was very tragic and he shouldn't have been killed just because of his sexual preference, but when is anyone's death fair? What it comes down to is: murderers all commit the same crime, whether it's because of a person's race, color, sexuality or beliefs. The reasons shouldn't matter, but rather the fact that they took someone's life.

Sincerely,
Veronica Pedraza



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But morality seems to break down when it comes to animal testing. Our human code of ethics tells us that harming and killing other human beings is wrong. But it's OK to kill and harm non-human beings, as long as it's for our good, we reason. After all, it's not our fault if we have the knowledge and skills to manipulate the environment. Diseases are part of our environment. We want to get rid of those. And animals are a part of our environment, too. If we work on animals, we are only manipulating two parts of our environment - animals and diseases. There seems to be no choice. We can't just sit back and let our knowledge go to waste. We can't allow people to die with-

On the cover: Rudy De La Viña and the rest of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity cheer the Broncs on at Friday's Midnight Madness.

—Photo by Jeanette Benavides

CAMPUS NEWS

Intern opportunities being offered at UTPA's Office of Placement and Cooperative Education

The UTPA Office of Placement and Cooperative Education can place students in internships that provide an opportunity to gain experience and training in their field of study.

"The Cooperative Education Office tries to be the liaison for students and companies that they want to work for," says Karla Villarreal, Cooperative Education Coordinator.

"Internships give students the opportunity to learn about the career they've selected." She adds that companies give students job credit and experience.

"They have a chance of being hired by the company they intern at," said Villarreal. "Students can learn about the major they are in and if they want to work in that career."

"Companies will keep interns if they do well," said Villarreal. She went on to say that the current focus is to get companies in the Valley to intern students.

"Commuter students have difficulty getting information about internships because they leave and are not

informed," said Villarreal.

Walt Disney World selected some students to work in the spring. "I'm going for the experience and to get a college education," said Mario Antonio Magallon. Graphics Design "The company has guaranteed me 30-40 hours of work experience per week," said Magallon. He looks forward to the spring semester in Florida.

Different companies are expected to visit throughout the year. Students have an opportunity to take classes and work with professionals when they are interns. Students must be sophomores or have a 2.0 G.P.A. to be able to intern.

The Office of Placement and Cooperative Education is currently offering skills to be taught. Anyone interested can sign up for resume writing skills, job interviewing skills and dressing up for the job interview.

For more information, call the Cooperative Education Office at 381-2243.

— Rita Castro

Student leadership fair offers Skills for student organizations

The Office of the Dean of Students will host its eighteenth annual fall student leadership fair Saturday from 8a.m. - 4p.m. at the Embassy Suites Hotel.

The fair will examine the strengths and weaknesses of leadership, and teach skills that will enhance the ability to handle responsibility, communicating more effectively, and working cooperatively as a part of a team.

Some of the topics that will be covered are student/administration response styles, living in a diversified world,

communication skills for today's leaders, and recruitment and retention strategies made to work.

There will be a registration fee of \$11 per delegate. This fee includes lunch, conference sessions, and workshop hand-outs. Also, there will be a guest speaker on hand.

Elvie Davis, Dean of Students, feels that the conference will be a learning tool for the student leaders. "The student leadership conference offers a full day of training tailored to your needs."

— John Cannon

Political Science Association plans County Commissioners debate

Upcoming events was the topic at the second meeting held Tuesday by the Political Science Association as the group of Political Science majors and minors discussed future plans for their organization.

"We are the future PSA students," said president Richard Cruz. Their future goals are to hold a political debate among professors and candidates

running for office.

They will also be on hand at the Carnival of the Great Pumpkin to promote their organization known and recruit new members.

The PSA will also be hosting a County Commissioners debate. It will be held on Thursday, October 22, at noon, in SBS 101.

— Karla Quintanilla

Q&A

Where would you like to be taken on a first date?

— Claudia Velazquez

Adriana Chavez
Freshman
Photography



I would like to go to a very nice restaurant. After that go and take a walk on the beach and look at the stars while having an interesting conversation. Then drive around and see the sites.

Liza Lujan
Sophomore
Speech Therapy

Somewhere were you can talk, like Cafecitos or a warm dinner. I would not like to go to the movies, because you don't get to communicate and get to know the person.



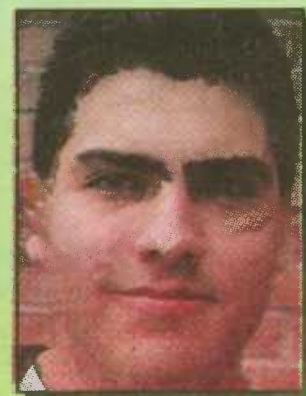
Bob Lopez
Junior
English

I have a girlfriend, but if she were to take me anywhere, I would like to go to an amusement park. After that I would like to go to a Radiohead concert. I know that we both would enjoy it.



Michel Maldonado
Sophomore
Psychology

I would like to go to a Santana concert. Maybe a walk on the beach but not at night, just as the sun is setting. The day would end with a kiss on the cheek because I don't kiss on the first date.



Baleria Zendejas
Senior
Education

On a first date, I would like to be taken to the theater where I can see the stars, moon and planets. After that I would want to eat tacos from Matamoros and after that an ice cream or milkshake.



NEWS

Student accused of threatening Professor with gun to get an 'A'

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (CPX) - Police have arrested a former student of the University of Maryland at College Park on assault and weapons charges after a math professor reported that the student threatened him with a gun and insisted that he get an A in the class.

Investigators aren't releasing the professor's name, but they said his sharp eye for detail was instrumental in helping police with their investigation of his claims.

Campus police charged economics major Stephen Clancy Hill with first-degree assault, carrying a concealed deadly weapon, carrying that weapon on campus and using a handgun to commit a felony.

According to a police report, Hill requested a meeting with the professor on Oct. 12.

According to the professor, when they met Hill pulled out a handgun as he talked about needing an A in the math course.

"Mr. Hill further told the victim that he was going to give him an A or Mr. Hill would make the victim disappear, leaving no evidence," a police report stated. The professor told police that Hill warned him not to say anything about their conversation and then left the office.

After the professor reported his encounter with Hill, police discovered that Hill had recently purchased a gun closely matching the description the professor had provided. Investigators got search warrants for Hill's off-campus home and car and kept both under surveillance.

On Oct. 14, soon after Hill

drove away from his house, police pulled him over. Officers arrested Hill and found a loaded 9-millimeter semiautomatic handgun and three loaded ammunition clips on the seat next to him, police said. After searching Hill's house, police also reported finding a shoulder holster very similar to the one the professor said he had seen Hill wearing.

Police said they would send the case to the state's attorney's office for review.

Meanwhile, Hill was dropped from the school's enrollment on Monday. School spokesman George Cathcart said federal privacy laws prevented him or any other university official from discussing the circumstances surrounding Hill's departure.

Rise in suicide rate prompts Harvard To reduce stress levels of students

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (CPX) - Because of three suicides of graduate students on campus in the last two years, Harvard University is taking steps to reduce the levels of stress on campus.

School officials have acknowledged that many of the university's 3,400 graduate students have reported that they were overworked and isolated. Since 1980, eight graduate students have committed suicide.

The bleak reports have prompted school officials to make changes addressing the morale and stress-levels of students in each department.

The changes are especially targeted at graduate students in the sciences, a spokeswoman for the university said.

One change was inspired by a recommendation that 27-year-old Jason Altom included

in his suicide note last August, just before swallowing a lethal dose of potassium cyanide.

In the note, Altom, a student working toward a Ph.D. in chemistry, recommended that students be assigned to a group of advisers and wrote, "If I had such a committee now, I know things would be different."

The university's new chairman of the chemistry department, James Anderson, has started assigning graduate students to three-member advisory panels. He also is encouraging students to take advantage of new programs designed to improve their social lives.

Anderson has arranged for students to see an off-campus psychiatrist with whom they can speak confidentially and alumni who are willing to them give career advice.

OCTOBER

22 FORUM: "Non-Partisan Forum on the Importance of Voting and Being Politically Informed" at Noon in the University Ballroom. Speakers are State Senator Eddie Lucio, and Hollice Rutledge, President of the State Republican Party. Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

22 MEETING: The Philosophy Club presents "Around the Block Once More: The Crisis in Kosovo" with Dr. Ivo Slavic Asst. Professor of English from Noon - 1 p.m. in SBS 111.

23-24 CONFERENCE: Southeast Tejastlan Regional Conference to promote cultural and self awareness. Activities include presenters, poetry, and music. Hosted by El Sexto Sol de M.E.Ch.A. For information contact Jose Paul Valdez at 262-2928.

25 SENIOR RECITAL: Seniors Lynnette Amriz, voice, and Jamie Young, flute, perform at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

27 EARLY VOTING: For state and local elections in the Library Lobby from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Limited to UTPA faculty, staff, and students who are registered voters from Hidalgo County. Bring one of the following forms of ID: voter registration card, UTPA ID, or Texas drivers license.

27 MEETING: The Political Science Association will be holding a meeting at Noon in SBS 109.

27 PRESENTATION: "Sobre el dano que hace el tabaco" by Anton Chejov in the LRC Media Theater at Noon - 1 p.m. Admission is free. Presented by ACTUE.

29 DEBATE: The Young Democrats and the Political Science Association will hold a presentation of candidates for the County Commissioners Race: Hector Palacios, Oscar Garza, Dan Bautista, and Delfino Olivarez.

30 CARNIVAL: Carnival of the Great Pumpkin 8 p.m. to Midnight in the Field House.

7 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs vs. Moterrey Tech (exhibition), 5 p.m., Field House.

7 BASKETBALL: Broncs vs. Moterrey Tech (exhibition), 7:30 p.m., Field House.

8 SENIOR RECITAL: Kim Rodriguez, clarinet, performs at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Recital Hall.

10 CONCERT: UTPA Jazz Ensemble. 8 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. General Admission \$3, faculty, staff, and students with I.D. and senior citizens \$2.

11 BASKETBALL: Lady Broncs Green and White Scrimmage, 5 p.m., Field House.

NOVEMBER

1 CONCERT: Opera Scenes, 8 p.m., University Studio Theater in the Communication Arts and Sciences Building.

5 ACTIVITY: Ping Pong Tournament from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the UC Rec Room. Sponsored by the University Program Board.

6 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door.

7 CONCERT: UTPA Mariachi. 2 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Advance tickets \$5 and \$7 at the door.

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FORUM

Does the Bible incite racist attitudes and hatred?

(U-WIRE) PITTSBURGH – In his 1845 autobiography, former slave Frederick Douglass offered a blistered indictment of those slaveholders who used their religion to justify slavery and the violent abuse of slaves in particular.

Regarding one master who “found religious sanction for his cruelty,” Douglass recorded the following: “I have seen him tie up a lame young woman, and whip her with a heavy cowskin upon her naked shoulders, causing the warm red blood to drip; and in justification of the bloody deed, he would quote this passage of Scripture – ‘He that knoweth his master’s will, and doeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes’ [Luke 12:47].”

With this sickening image, Douglass shattered a central argument of pro-slavery Christians: the claim that using biblical principles as the basis for the slave system would lead to humane, loving treatment of African-Americans held in bondage.

Instead, Douglass illuminated an important truth: whenever the Bible is used as a tool to marginalize or establish a hierarchy over a particular class of people, violence and bloodshed inevitably follow.

This terrible truth has manifested itself over and over again in Christian history.

biblical passages. In his 1991 book, “Who killed Jesus? Exposing the Roots of Anti-Semitism in the Gospel Story of the Death of Jesus,” biblical scholar John Dominic Crossan suggests that the Nazi massacre of 6 million Jews was the result of centuries of Christian failure to critically

singled him out for violence because he was gay.

What Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and other homophobic preachers of the Christian right don’t realize is that their incessant attacks on the civil rights and human dignity of lesbians and gays help to create an environment that fosters

its contribution to anti-gay violence by claiming that if gays would only “change” their sexual orientation, they would not be stigmatized.

Well, Jews and Muslims could similarly “change” their religious orientation; does this justify the dangerous Christian rhetoric that inspired the abuse and murder of Muslims and Jews during the Crusades and the Inquisition?

The use of the Bible as a tool to control or attack a marginalized community is just one more manifestation of the oppressive use of language. Novelist Toni Morrison called the attention of the world to this oppressive use of language “for menace and subjugation” when she accepted her Nobel Prize for Literature.

All people must resist this language of oppression that, despite its user’s best intentions, always blossoms into flowers of hatred and violence – especially when it takes the form of biblical interpretation.

“He that knoweth his master’s will and obeth it not, shall be beaten with many stripes.”

-Luke 12:47

Consider the ramifications of Christian obsession over Exodus 22:18 – “Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.” In their study “The Bible Tells Me So,” Jim Hill and Rand Cheadle note that this verse served as justification for the imprisonment, torture and murder of 300,000 people who were suspected of witchcraft.

Even the genocidal orgy of the Nazi Holocaust had its roots in Christian preoccupation with selectively chosen

question the anti-Jewish bias of parts of the New Testament.

This heritage of violence inspired by a privileged group’s interpretation and application of the Bible manifests itself today in attacks on gay men and lesbians.

Consider the murder of 21-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming. Just last week, he was savagely beaten, tied to a fence and left for dead by four attackers, who allegedly

this type of violence.

Christians today hide behind the claim that they “love the sinner but hate the sin.” However, his doublespeak was morally indefensible in the past and continues to be so.

After all, 19th century slaveholders claimed that black slaves were loved by their masters; it was the sin of disobedience, and attempting escape that was hated.

The Christian right also evades moral responsibility for



Alicia Guerrero
Senior
Communications

No. I think its the way we interpret the Bible that makes it support or go against anything we want it to.



Madeline Salinas
Sophomore
Political Science

No. Every person will see it differently based on their religious views.



Jorge Gracia
Junior
Communication

No. I don't feel it does. The beliefs and attitudes of any given era determine the way the Bible is interpreted.



Cynthia Campos
Freshman
Business

No, the Bible doesn't promote racism. It depends on who reads it and how they interpret it.



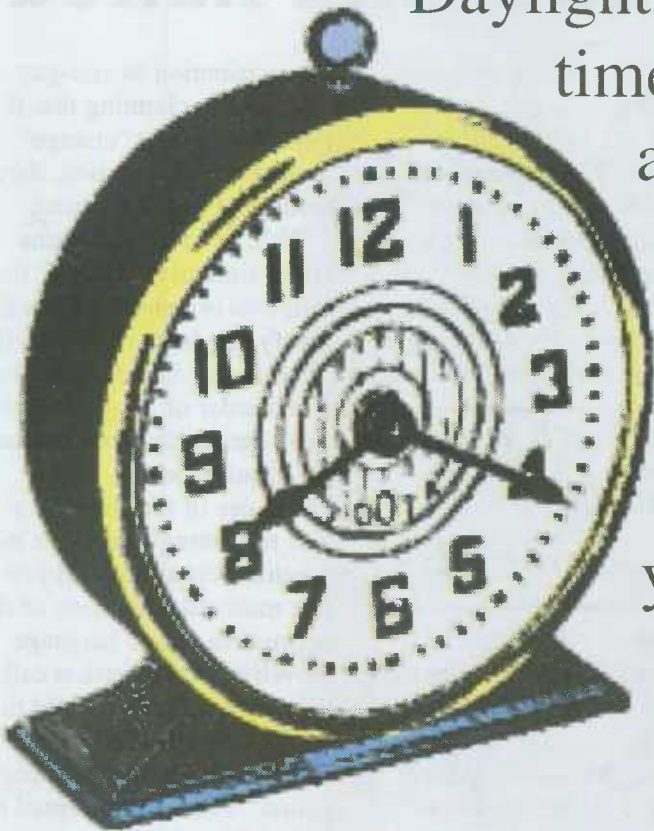
Luigi Arellano
Senior
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No. People just want to blame the Bible so they'll have a something to complain about.

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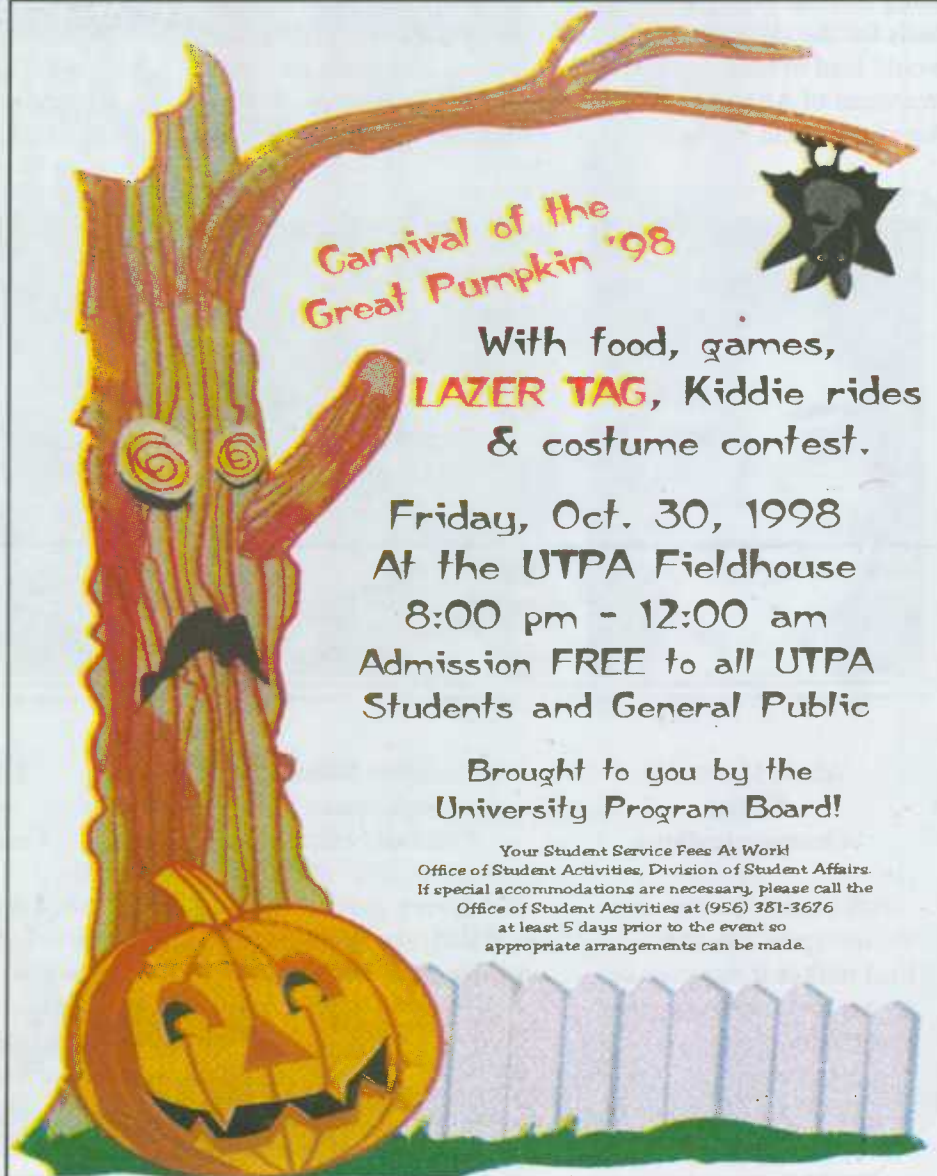
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NEWS

Mid-East peace talks continue despite terrorist attack in Israel

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Israel treated its casualties from a bloody grenade attack on a bus station full of soldiers, President Clinton brought together Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in a effort to prevent the terrorist attack from derailing their peace summit.

Clinton called the attack, which wounded 64 persons, a "complicating factor" in talks.

Netanyahu immediately suspended negotiations when he heard about the attack, saying the Israelis would proceed only if the talks concentrated on the issue of Israeli security.

"If the Palestinians do not fulfill their commitments on security, an agreement is impossible," Netanyahu said in a statement.

President Clinton flew by helicopter from Washington to Wye, on Maryland's eastern shore, in an attempt to salvage the peace talks.

"The distrust is deep,"



Clinton met with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu (left) and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (right) Monday in an attempt to resume peace talks following a terrorist grenade attack in Israel. —CPX

Clinton said. "But the parties must consider the consequences of failure and also the benefits of peace."

The attack, the 10th terrorist act in two months, took place in Beersheba, Israel during morning rush hour. According to authorities, a suspected Palestinian militant threw the first grenade into the crowded

outdoor station.

It exploded near a bus stop, injuring dozens. The assailant then flung the second grenade in front of a restaurant. He was chased down by soldiers and turned him over to police.

The injured included a 15-year-old boy, who was in critical condition at Soroka University Medical Center

Monday afternoon, and a woman who was in serious condition. About 30 others were treated for shrapnel wounds and released.

Palestinian police described the suspect in Monday's grenade attack as a 29-year-old father of five from the West Bank town of Hebron. They said he is a member of Hamas and was imprisoned twice for militant activities.

Hamas leaders did not claim responsibility for the attack, but applauded it. "What happened is part of our continued resistance to the occupation of our land," said Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin.

Some Israelis demanded that Netanyahu pack his bags and abandon the peace summit, but others, including several of the grenade victims, said it only strengthened their resolve to see the process through.

"Never stop the peace process," said Alex Kesler, an Israeli reserve soldier wounded by the second grenade. "It's

the only way to get peace."

Arafat condemned the attack in a morning telephone call to Netanyahu, and vowed to investigate the matter.

The White House had initially hoped to wrap up the summit with a signing ceremony on the South Lawn Monday. But as the two sides remained far apart on several issues over the weekend, hopes for a conclusion faded with the news of the attack.

The negotiations revolve around withdrawal of Israeli troops from 13 percent of the West Bank in return for a Palestinian plan to fight terrorism, including a crackdown on the radical group Hamas.

Despite the attack, restaurant owner, Ezra Zion, said the peace talks should go on. "They should continue talking," he said, sweeping up broken glass.

"These (terrorists) are people who want to hurt the process. I hope the talks can prevent this kind of thing."

Congress not likely to pass Hate Crime Laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — A black man was chained to a pickup truck and dragged for two miles on a remote Texas road, decapitating him. A gay man was beaten to death and tied to a fence in Wyoming.

Just a few days ago, Frank Caruso Jr., 19, was sentenced in Chicago for beating a 13-year-old black boy so severely it left him brain-damaged.

After these and other incidents of startling violence, some think the nation's mood is more conducive than ever for penalizing hate crimes in the harshest possible way.

Yet it certain Congress will not to pass a bill authored by Sen. Edward Kennedy, and others to crack down on hate crimes. While this year's traumas have ignited renewed interest in hate crimes laws, the notion of tougher sentences for crimes of prejudice

"As long as we have the majority in Congress, it will be difficult to pass this kind of legislation."

-Republican Senator Dick Durbin

remains controversial.

Some of the Kennedy bill's supporters say the killing of Matthew Shepard, the gay Wyoming student, actually hurt the bill's chances. By focusing attention on the gay community's fierce push for the bill, the Wyoming incident prompted the religious right to oppose it with equal fervor.

Sen. Dick Durbin, a strong backer of the hate crimes bill, is dismayed that Shepard's murder did not create enough momentum to push it through.

"I've been around legislatures for a long time, and an event like that can galvanize public support and political thinking," Durbin said. "But

unfortunately, in this case we were unable to use this tragic event to prevent others from happening in the future."

The fight over hate crimes laws has been simmering for decades. 42 states including Illinois have statutes that increase fines or prison time for crimes that were racially motivated.

Civil rights activists support such laws for symbolic reasons. But those who oppose hate crimes legislation say it penalizes certain criminals more harshly because of what they believe. Racist beliefs may be abhorrent, are protected by the 1st Amendment.

The Supreme Court in 1993

sided with the proponents of hate crimes laws when it upheld Wisconsin's hate crimes statute, which provides for enhanced penalties for crimes motivated by bias.

But that has not stopped the debate. Ironically, the federal judiciary itself, including the Supreme Court, is now on record opposing Kennedy's bill, saying crimes like vandalism and murder are better handled by states than federal authorities.

The federal government rarely intervenes in hate crime cases, as supporters of the Kennedy bill note. In 1996, federal authorities prosecuted only eight of the 8,759 hate

crimes, leaving the rest to state officials.

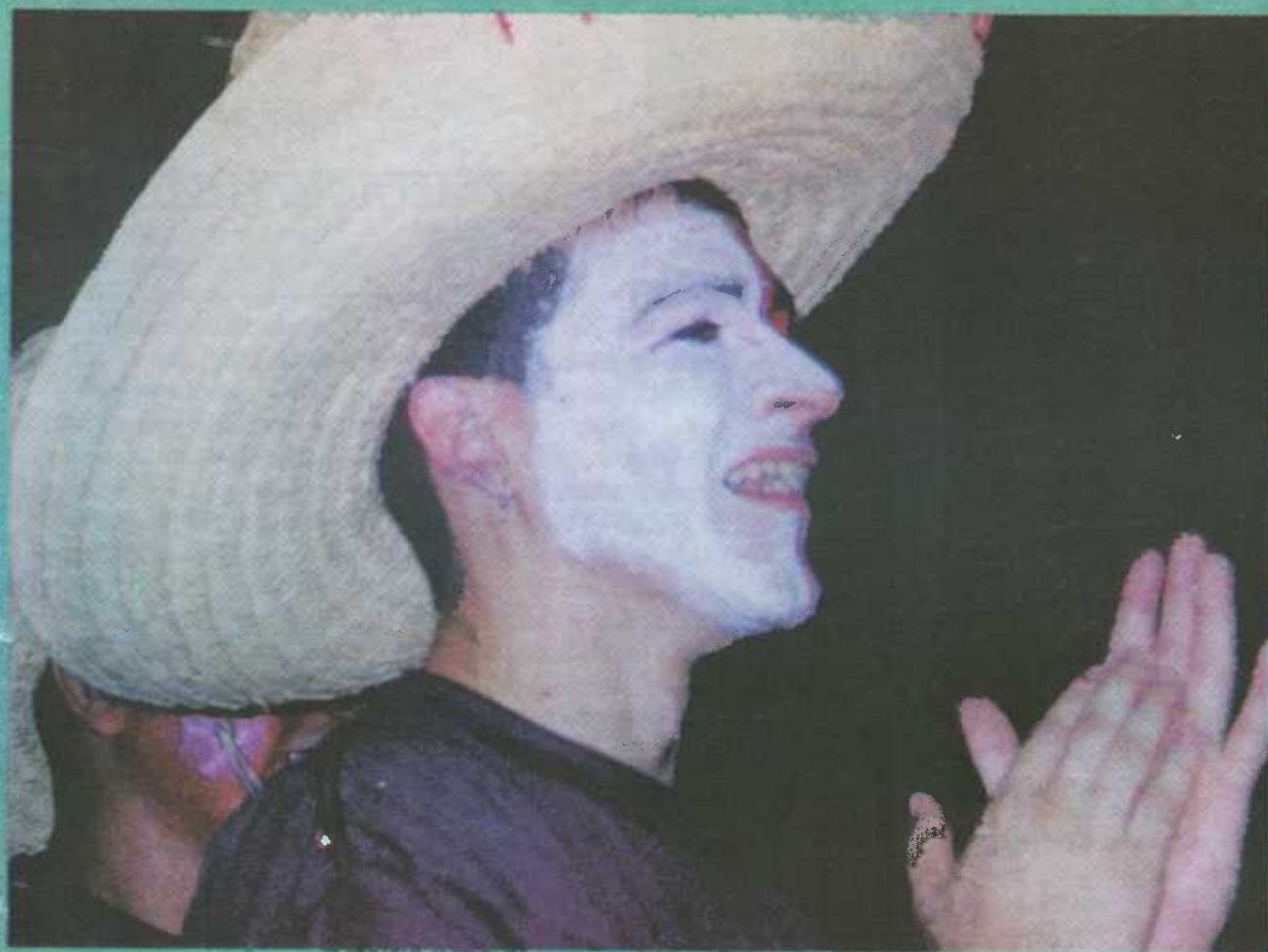
As it happens, Illinois would be among the states least affected by a new federal hate crimes law because its own statute, passed in 1988, is already so strong. Cook County, Ill., officials have won national praise for their pursuit of hate crimes.

Supporters of a new federal law hope they have laid the groundwork for better results next year. In addition to various Democrats, Kennedy's bill has been co-sponsored by a handful of Republicans.

Still, most congressional Republicans have expressed little interest in hate crimes legislation, as Durbin noted.

"As long as we have the majority in Congress, it will be difficult to pass this kind of legislation," the senator said.

Midnight



Above: Tony Valdez, a freshman with the Phi Sigma Kappas, shows his spirit on Friday night.
Right: Gabriel Vela, president of Phi Sigma Kappa, dances in the cheer contest. The Phi Sigma Kappas won.

A crowd of approximately 2,500 enjoyed many games and festivities prior to the UTPA basketball teams taking the floor at Midnight Madness Friday night at the UTPA Fieldhouse.

Midnight Madness is held every year to celebrate the beginning of the new basketball season for the UTPA Men and Lady Broncs. However, before midnight, the fans in attendance were entertained with various contests.

The night began with the final round action of the 3 on 3 Intramural Basketball tournament. As soon as the tournament was completed, the 3-point Shootout began. Competing in the shootout were clubs, organizations, and fraternities and sororities from all over campus. Winning the shootout were the student trainers from the Athletics Department.

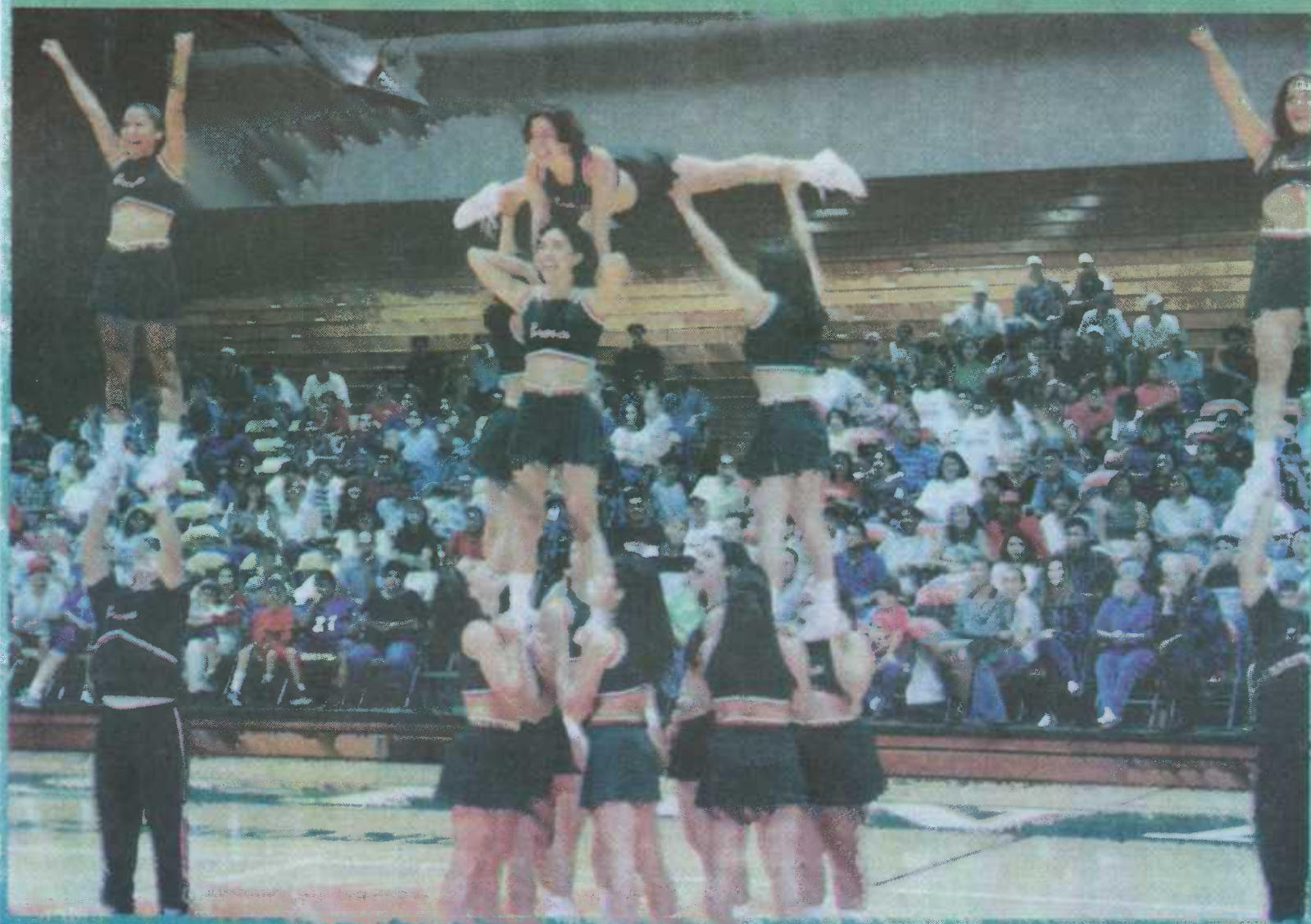
An event that really caught the atten-

tion of the crowd was the cheer contest. The competition was between ROTC and Phi Sigma Kappa. However, the organization that won the contest was Phi Sigma Kappa. The dance immediately followed, giving everyone the opportunity to participate. The winning team consisted of Phi Sigma Kappa and Upsilon Sigma Chi. They alternated when it came to dancing. Upsilon Sigma Chi was victorious.

The Greek organizations had their own competitions again. The first competition was a dance-off. The Greeks had a chance to show off their dancing and singing. Phi Sigma Kappa won the competition in a decisive manner.

One of the highlights of the night was the introduction of Bucky the Bronco. He was the mascot for the entire night, dancing and cheering with the crowd. Bucky was a big hit, and everyone wanted to see him. He was involved in every event to help make the night a success.

Story



Above: The Bronco cheerleaders raise crowd morale.



Madness strikes UTPA

Photos by Jaanette Benavides and Joe Leal

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Left: Phi Kappa Theta shows their presence in a very big way.



Left: Jeannie Lane and Susan Ditto participate in the shootout during the Greek Olympics.

Right: Freshman Watara Banks lines up for a free throw. Despite their efforts, the UTPA "home" team could not defeat the UTPA "visitors".



Left: The Blazers put on a show for the midnight crowd.
Right: Phi Sigma Delta shows their support for the Broncos.



FEATURES

U.N. names Ex-Spice Girl Goodwill ambassador

UNITED NATIONS (AP) – Former Spice Girl Geri Halliwell has joined a cast of global celebrities tapped by the United Nations to put the spotlight on global issues.

Halliwell, 26, a.k.a. Ginger Spice, has been appointed a goodwill ambassador for the U.N. Population Fund in Britain to promote healthier choices about reproduction and greater awareness of reproductive rights.

"She will be a great ambassador for young people," Alex Marshall, the fund's deputy director for information, said Monday.

Halliwell quit the all-girl British pop group on May 31, citing "differences between us." Last week, the British media reported that she had signed a 2 million pound (\$3.4 million) deal with Chrysalis records.

Halliwell will be working in Britain with Marie Stopes International and Population Concern, voluntary organizations which promote reproductive health, especially among women, Marshall said.

Both groups are part of the U.N. Population Fund's "Face To Face Campaign," which is using voluntary organizations to promote awareness of population issues across Europe.

Asked why Halliwell was chosen to be a goodwill ambassador in Britain, Marshall said: "She almost chose herself. She's interested in the issue. She got together with Marie Stopes

International."

She is scheduled to appear at a press conference at the United Nations Tuesday with officials from the fund to discuss her new role.

Famed for her ginger-colored hair and tight-fitting short dresses, the pop star has gone through a transformation since she split with the Spice Girls. She is now blonde and more likely to be spotted in a demure suit.

Halliwell has also visited inmates at London's Holloway prison and students at a London school to highlight cancer awareness. And she auctioned many of her most famous Spice Girls costumes which raised almost 145,000 pounds (dlsr 242,000) for a children's cancer charity. Halliwell became concerned about cancer when, at age 18, she discovered a lump in her breast that turned out to be benign.

The former Spice Girl joins some of the world's biggest names, past and present, in promoting U.N. activities.

Over the years, the U.N. Children's Fund recruited Danny Kaye, Roger Moore, Liv Ullman and Audrey Hepburn, to serve as "goodwill ambassadors" and money raisers. Actor Danny Glover and South African writer Nadine Gordimer became the first goodwill ambassadors for the U.N. Development Program earlier this year.

Pushmonkey self-titled debut nice surprise

Since their beginning days in Austin as Mad Hatter, the band that became Pushmonkey has proven itself to be a powerhouse, especially on stage. Their self-titled debut with Arista Records isn't their first album however. The band had produced their first album, "Maize", with the now defunct Sector 2 Records. However, big name production shows itself in the way of improvement on this major-label debut. The first track, "Lefty" expresses angst in a previously unknown fashion. Tony Parks vocals on each track prove to be haunting. "No Dumb Wrong", a

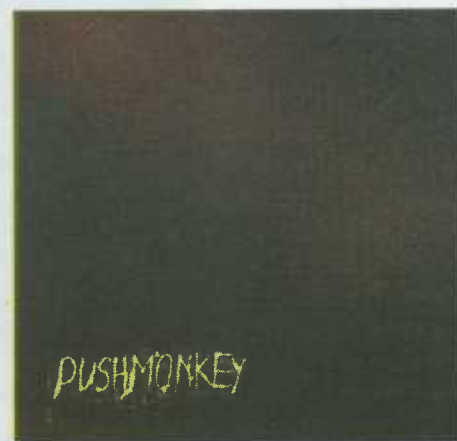
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explores the topic in only a way that Pushmonkey can. "Now" has quickly become a favorite. The slow grooving "Cut the Cord" shows a side of the band not much explored on stage. The band continues the exploration in the power ballad "Limitless".

Of course, for those that have been able to hear Pushmonkey they will recognize crowd favorites "Loner" and "Caught My Mind". If it

were possible to make every one listen to this band to increase their exposure, it would willingly be done. There hasn't been a band this good with these local Texas roots in a very long time. So check it out. Call your radio stations and request them repeatedly until somebody takes notice. It won't be regretted.

-Review by Aaron Baldwin



Movie premier promises Hollywood atmosphere

The Rio Grande Valley can look forward to the official movie premiere of "Six and Ten" on Thursday, November 19.

The Hollywood-style premiere promises to be an event fit for a star beginning with a wine reception at 7 p.m. Co-sponsored by the Edinburg 2020 Cultural Activities Committee and KRGV-TV, the gala will take place at the newly constructed auditorium inside UT-Pan American's engineering building. The show is scheduled to begin at 7:30 with a cast and crew reception to follow.

Tickets for the gala are on sale for \$25 at various locations throughout Edinburg including the University Theatre box office, the Edinburg Medicine Shoppe, the Hidalgo County Historical Museum and the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce. Movie premiere tickets may also be purchased from Edinburg 2020 Cultural Activities Committee members.

Written by Dr. Jack Stanley, "Six and Ten" takes an unexpected glimpse at

news reporting in the valley and the surprising ways one reporter gets her story on the air. "Six and Ten" was produced by UTPA's Communication Department and the 1997 Summer Television Workshop. The made-for-television movie was filmed at various valley locations including scenes at an actual news studio, courtesy of KRGV-TV.

Post-production of the movie took place during the fall semester in which editing, sound and music were added using the latest digital video technology.

The "Hollywood" premiere of "Six and Ten" will include several surprises by the Edinburg 2020 Cultural Activities Committee. Proceeds from the gala will support the yearly project costs of the Summer Television Workshop and programming for community events sponsored by the Cultural Activities Committee.

Shots! Your Daily Dose...

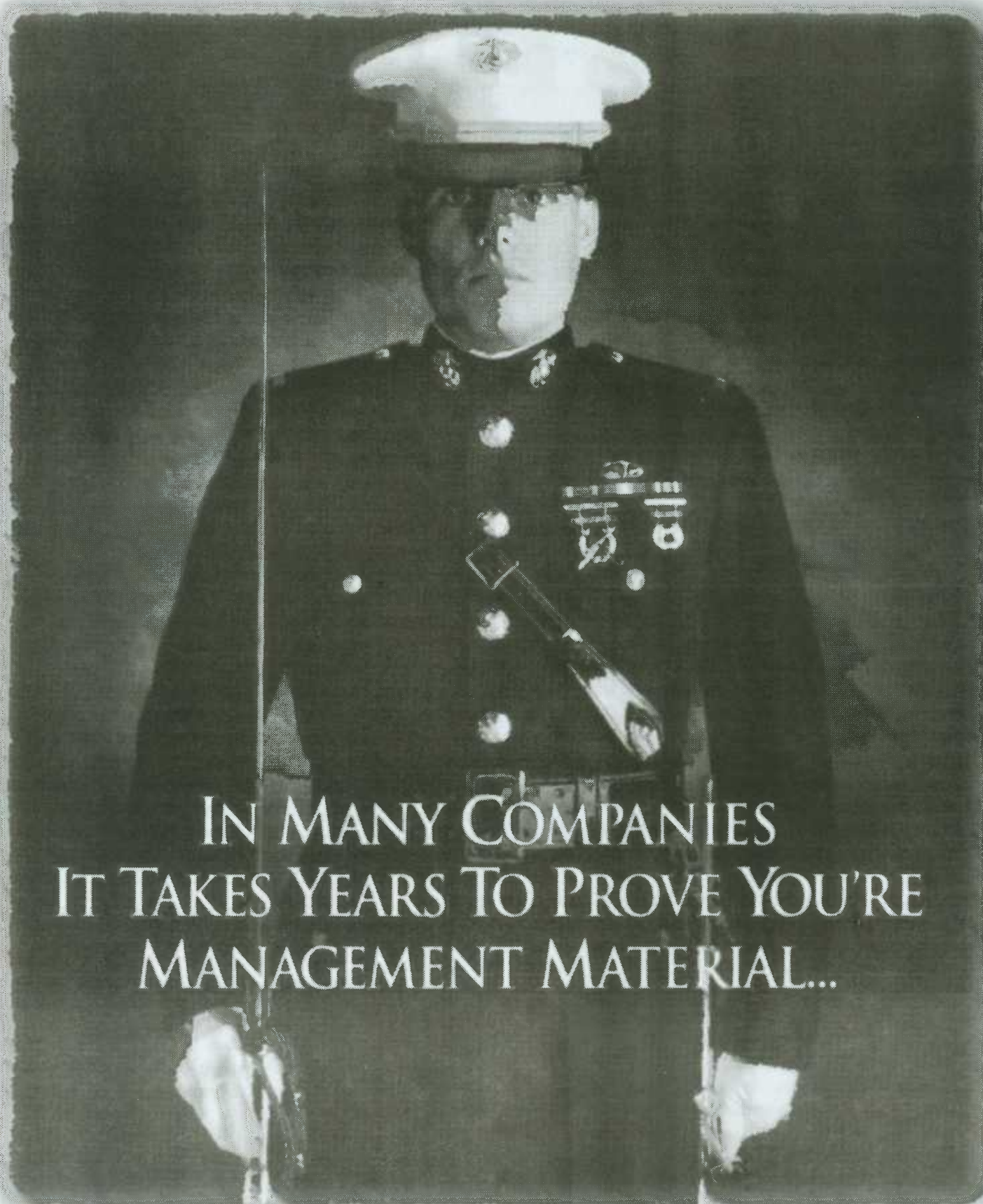
Life in the Fast Lane

Like putting the pedal to the metal? Reports show that drivers between the ages of 16 to 20 are 64% more likely to get a traffic ticket than older drivers. Well, most older drivers. A 75-year-old Texas man reportedly got 10 tickets in 20 minutes from four hit-and-runs, driving on the wrong side of the road, and causing six accidents.



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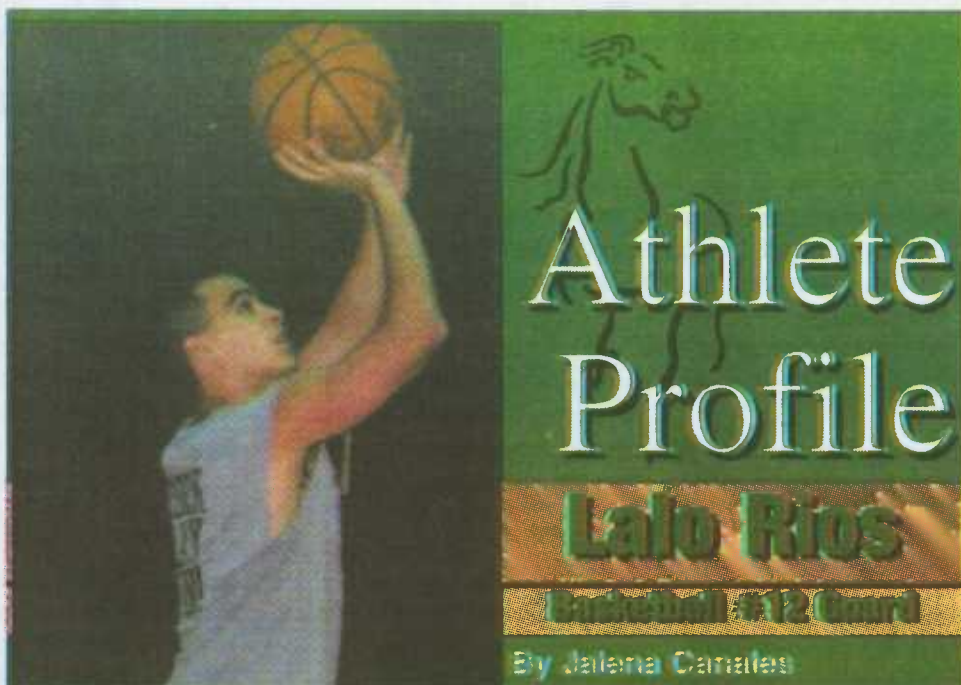
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SPORTS



Lalo Rios, a guard for the UTPA Broncos is considered by some as a role model for students and children across the Valley.

"I expect a lot from Lalo," says Bronco head coach Delray Brooks. "He's a good person and a hard worker."

As captain of the basketball team, he enjoys using his talent to help teach young kids the game he loves. This off-season Rios coached at the prestigious 5-star Basketball camp in

Pittsburgh.

"Teaching the kids is fun and rewarding for us as well as them," says Rios.

Lalo is also a mentor to many elementary students. He and other basketball players take time out of their busy schedules to speak to kids about staying in school, saying "no" to drugs, and the importance of the TAAS test. "Kids really look up to us and knowing we made their day really feels good."

Rios has also volunteered for the Texas Beach Cleanup.

Age: 21

Personal: Single

Home Town: Edinburg

Classification: Senior

Major: Communication

Sport: Basketball

What do you like best about UTPA? The determination to change the image of the athletic department.

What do you like least about UTPA? The lack of student body support at all sporting events.

Favorite getaway spot: The gym

Personal Motto: Live each day as if it were your last.

Dream job: To be in the NBA

Best Feature: Integrity

Best advice recieved: Never give up no matter what.

El Duque remains a mystery

NEW YORK - The details of Orlando Hernandez' escape from Castro's Cuba are as certain as his age, which is estimated between 28 and 32. The vessel that ventured into shark-infested Caribbean waters has been variously described as a 20-foot sailboat, and a raft. It is said that El Duque, along with his girlfriend and six others, landed on an uninhabited Bahamian Cay, where they lived on a diet of conch and spam before the Coast Guard arrived.

But, as David Cone says, "Nobody knows for sure. There's a mystery, something intangible about El Duque. Who knows what that raft was like? Who knows how treacherous the waters were? Who knows what it was like to pitch for the Cuban National team? Nobody really knows."

Except El Duque. Then again, he has refused to confirm the details. He may have a Costa Rican passport. But El Duque has a natural talent for American life that would shame that communist Castro. El Duque is saving it all for the El Duque movie.

One thing seems to be clear, though. Whatever he learned as a pitcher, whatever he endured through the two years he was banished by the Cuban baseball establishment, whatever he endured on that vessel or on that day, has left Orlando Hernandez immune to the common sportsman's notion of pressure. That's what you hear this time of year, how much pressure there is. A couple of days ago, there was supposed to be enough pressure on the 114-win Yankees to form a geological wonder equivalent to the Hope Diamond.

But El Duque doesn't feel it.

He pitched seven innings on Sunday night in the second game of the World Series. The other day, Hernandez was asked if he could have imagined playing in a World Series, still less than a year removed from the voyage that began last Dec. 26.

"I did think of finding a way to one day be here," he said.

Here, Sunday night, was this Duke's kingdom: the land of \$150 box seats and cell phones and movie deals. He baffled the San Diego Padres with an assortment of pitches delivered from an assortment of angles, from sidearm to three-quarters to overhand, almost daring the batters, as if he knew what they could not - until it was too late.

"There are very few pitchers that can just say here's the ball, hit it and be able to get away with it," Torre said the other day. "El Duque's command of his stuff is even more impressive than his stuff itself....Of course his calm and confidence is all part of it."

As it happened Sunday night, Hernandez allowed a single run, walked three and struck out seven. Five of them were batting lefthanded: Quilvio Veras, Ken Caminiti, Steve Finley, Greg Myers and John Vander Wal. Hernandez began with a crazy curve that fooled Quilvio Veras leading off the game, and ended with Greg Vaughn, one of the most feared power hitters in baseball, popping out with the bases loaded.

He could have pitched more. The way he thinks, he can always pitch more. "In Cuba, you pitch until you die," he has said. "When you can't pitch with your arm you go with your heart."

Which, in the case of El Duque, is considerable. Last week, with the Yankees down two games to one in the cold city of Cleveland, Hernandez threw seven scoreless innings. So his postseason ERA jumped Sunday night - to 0.64.

When it was over, El Duque came to the interview room. He wore a mustard-colored suit and held a smoking cigar. He looked like a movie star. Sounded like one, too. He would not comment on his guests - said to be his compatriots from the Dec. 26 voyage - in the stands. And he denied a rumor that had him entertaining guests over breakfast at his hotel.

"I was sleeping in my room with my lady," he said.

Besides, this star does not usually eat breakfast, certainly not on the days he pitches. On those days, he's partial to a spaghetti lunch.

"I feel good that the people in Cuba were able to watch the game," he said.

He said his half-brother, Livan, the MVP of last year's Series, gave him tips on the Padre hitters.

Someone asked about El Duque's cigar.

Like his passport, it was from Costa Rica. He has a Cuban left. But as he said through his translator, "I'm saving the Cuban for the world title."

SPORTS

Intramural flag football team qualifies, Advances to Arlington regional tourney

The UTPA Rec-sports intramural flag football tournament ended Monday with two teams qualifying for a regional tournament in Arlington.

In the men's division, Team Explosion cruised through the draw undefeated. In the final, they knocked off Team Viper's men's team.

Team Explosion automatically earned a spot at the Nike College Flag Football National Championships in New Orleans scheduled for the 26th of December running thorough January 1st in conjunction with this

year's Sugar Bowl.

"Some of the guys here with me have been there. This is our third time. Last year we came out third so the goal this year was to come out on top," said Explosion member Esteban Garza.

Team Viper fared better in the co-ed division.

With three victories, they advanced to the Regional Championships held in Arlington by knocking off Team Biohazard in the finals of the co-ed division. Since the two teams split their meetings in the main draw a sudden-death

playoff decided the tournament champion.

The regionals are set to begin November 20 at the UT Arlington campus.

Team Viper can qualify for the tournament in New Orleans provided they can win the regional level.

UTPA's teams will be competing against clubs from others universities such as Nebraska, Ohio State and Oklahoma State.

"We know what's out there we know what to do. I want to say we are better this year because of experience," said Garza

After going undefeated in the tournament, the level of competition is expected to rise.

"It's more intense and aggressive in New Orleans," said Explosion member Alex Rubio.

"The big difference is that it's more team oriented at that level," said Garza.

Winners at the national championship are introduced at halftime of the annual Sugar Bowl.

—Joe Leal/The Pan American



Photo by Charlie Cacaes

Team Biohazard's Julie Lara tries the outside against Cris Barreiro during the final round.

McInturff finishes 39th At Arkansas Tournament

LITTLE ROCK—Catrin Joyce scored a hole-in-one for Lamar University Tuesday, but medalist Erin Doyle of Southern Mississippi led USM to win the University of Arkansas-Little Rock Tournament.

Joyce scored her ace on the par 3, 155-yard 17th hole. She still finished with her worst of three rounds, 84, for a 247 total that tied her for 48th place with Alejandra Gutierrez of Texas-Pan American.

Doyle put together rounds of 77, 73 and 74 to outlast the strong field of 87 collegiate women. Her 224 won by a stroke over Vikki Tutt of Georgia State and first-day leader Maria Jose Ferro of Southern Mississippi.

USM expanded its first-day lead of one stroke to beat host UALR, 922 to 926. North Texas State took third at 932, followed by Arkansas State 945, Wichita State 948, Georgia State 954, Murray State 962, Oral Roberts 963 and Lamar 967.

Next came Jacksonville State tied with Florida International at 973, Denver 974, South Alabama 977, Sam Houston State 988, Wyoming 1,006, Texas-Pan American 1,018 and Centenary 1,058.

Jamie McInturff led UTPA's Lady Broncs with rounds of 80, 80 and 84 to tie for 39th at 244. Gutierrez was three strokes back, followed by Lady Bronc teammates Tootie Lauzon 263, Melissa Schaefer 264 and Jeannie Lane 273.

—UTPA Sports Reports

Griffey and Maddux capture gold gloves

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Seattle outfielder Ken Griffey Jr. and Atlanta pitcher Greg Maddux received their ninth consecutive Gold Glove awards Monday, while San Francisco outfielder Barry Bonds collected his eighth.

The annual awards, presented by sporting goods manufacturer Rawlings, honor 18 of North American baseball's best fielders — one from each position in both the American and National leagues. The winners were selected by major

league managers and coaches — who cannot vote for players from their own teams.

Maddux' award tied him with Bob Gibson, formerly of St. Louis, for the most awards by an NL pitcher.

Texas' Ivan Rodriguez got his seventh Gold Glove, surpassing Jim Sundberg, formerly of the Rangers, for the most awards to an AL catcher.

Cincinnati second baseman Bret Boone received his first award, marking the second

time a father-son combination won the honor. Boone's father, Bob, a catcher, won seven Gold Gloves.

Bonds and his father, Bobby, also an outfielder, were the first father-son pair to collect awards.

Other American Leaguers winning Gold Gloves this year were Baltimore first baseman Rafael Palmeiro, Orioles second baseman Roberto Alomar, Chicago third baseman Robin Ventura, Cleveland shortstop Omar Vizquel, outfield-

ers Jim Edmonds of Anaheim and Bernie Williams of New York, and Baltimore pitcher Mike Mussina.

The other NL winners were San Francisco first baseman J.T. Snow, Philadelphia third baseman Scott Rolen, New York shortstop Rey Ordonez, outfielders Larry Walker of Colorado and Andruw Jones of Atlanta, and Los Angeles catcher Charles Johnson.

Wyoming football team remembers fallen student

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Wyoming players will wear decals on their helmets for the rest of the season to honor Matthew Shepard, the gay student who died after he was pistol-whipped, robbed and lashed to a fence last

week.

Wyoming players wore the decals in their game against UNLV last Saturday.

The 1 1/2-square-inch decals feature a yellow square with a green circle inside. The yellow square symbolizes non-

violence and the green circle signifies peace.

Shepard, 21, was buried Friday in Casper, Wyo.

He had died Monday, five days after being lured out of a bar in Laramie, Wyo., and tied to a fence post outside

town in near-freezing temperatures.

Two 21-year-old men have been charged with murder. Police have said robbery was a motive but Shepard also was singled out because he was gay.



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